

THE DEMOCRAT

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The Conqueror.

By Edward Barber.

Seek not to win vast wealth;
It must depart.
The love of gold should never hold
In chains thy heart;
Gold cannot bear life's crucial test;
Wealth cannot bring thee peace and rest.

Strive not for fleeting fame;
Men will forget.

Thy very name the dust shall
claim—
Thy star shall set;
Yea, all that thou canst ever see
Will surely shortly cease to be.

Subdue thyself; within
Be thou a king.

This path alone unto a throne
Thy soul shall bring;
Know thou thyself; thyself control;
For thus thy feet shall gain the
goal.

Greatest Man in Monroe.

Who would get the prize if you had one to award to the greatest man in Monroe county? While your mind is running over a list of men of means, men of prominence, men of ambition and men of intellectual attainments, we will tell you who we would hand it over to. To begin with, he is a bachelor. That is bad enough, heaven knows—but wait! He is a humble renter out on a farm. He is big in body and big in heart. He loves little children and proves it by his works. Seven homeless orphans have been reared by this unpretentious man, aided by a sister and widowed cousin. He fed them, clothed them, educated them. All are now married, save one, and have homes of their own and every one of these homes is a monument to the practical philanthropy of this industrious, big-hearted, jolly-faced bachelor. His name is Elliott—F. K. Elliott. He lives out Strother way. What statesman, capitalist, teacher or leader in all the county has done greater service to helpless humanity? If Elliott ever gets a crown—and if he doesn't the chances for the rest of us will be rather slim—these seven orphans will be stars that will shine brighter and glitter more gloriously than gold or silver or precious stones.—Paris Appeal.

Frank K. Elliott was formerly a highly respected citizen of this city and has many friends here.

"Bill Buckman and Tip McClintic tickled an Illinois circuit judge clear out of his dignity when a Monroe county land deal was being aired before him," said J. J. Browning to the Appeal man Monday. "They were summoned to give expert testimony on Missouri soil. A lawyer on the opposing side insisted that Bill tell what had been promised as a reward for his testimony. 'Well, sir,' said Bill, after some hesitation, 'I was promised all the delights of life. When I got here however, I had to put up at a third-class hotel, sleep on stunks and suck a cob for breakfast.' The judge had just finished laughing at this answer when Tip knocked him clean off his judicial perch. The lawyer demanded whether or not there was any hardpan on the place in controversy. 'Well,' said Tip, 'if there's any hardpan this side of hell it's under that land.' The judge forgot his dignity and laughed louder than any man in the room."—Appeal.

BOOK NEWS.

The Men of Sapio Ranch.

By Horace M. Du Bose.

"The Men of Sapio Ranch" is a breezy, refreshing, and often thrilling story of ranch life in the west "in the seventies." The scene is laid in that vast, vague and indefinable region known as the Sapio Range. The characters are, many of them, taken from life and drawn to the scale of real action. "Parson Jack Potter" is not only a real character, but that was his real name, as may be verified by reference to a not inaccessible record. "Old Benity," the trapper, is sketched from a life sitting. "Rio Grande Jim" and "Hook-Nosed-Jake," the cowboy evangelist, are not only recognizable personalities, but their parts are sketched and played before the reader in terms of flesh and blood.

This story has all the charm of adventure, dramatic action and excitement of the standard border story with an exceptionally high motive.

Published by Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tennessee. Price \$1.00.

Phillip the Forester.

By Daniel Edward Kennedy M. A.

This volume is one to delight the soul of the true book-lover.

The story tells how Phillip Mason falls in love with a former school-mate who at the death of her father seeks work at the Mason farm.

Forestry is new in that locality and Phillip has to make good before the people have any sympathy or use for his work.

The book is beautifully printed on fine paper and elegantly bound.

The edition is limited to four hundred and twenty copies, some of which have been taken by subscription.

All orders should be sent to D. E. Kennedy 17 Devon Road, Chestnut Hill, Mass. The price of the book on subscription day and after (May 20, 1909) is net \$4.50, sent by express unpaid unless otherwise directed.

The Other Side of the Door.

By Lucia Chamberlain.

The scene of this tale is laid in San Francisco. A young lady goes marketing in the early morning and she has to pass a notorious gambling house as she does so two men fall out the door, one is dead, the other runs down the street.

The author builds up a romantic and mysterious story from this incident.

The girl is called upon to testify at the trial. She is convinced that he is guilty nevertheless she falls in love with him, through her testimony he is convicted of murder.

The story is original, energetic and immensely entertaining.

Published by Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Indiana. Price \$1.50.

White Mice.

By Richard Harding Davis.

The "White Mice" was the name of a secret society whose object it was to save lives, the charter members were the sons of rich men who were extremely idle and of very little account in the world.

Roddy Forester's father was at the head of a construction company and Roddy was sent to Venezuela to work. His father did not take him into his confidence but put him to work at the head of a gang at twenty dollars per week. The company had spent quite a fortune supporting Colonel Vega in an uprising but in spite of this fact Roddy manages to rescue a famous

general from a dungeon and to win the generals daughter for a wife.

Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price \$1.50

Elusive Isabel.

By Jacques Futrelle.

The Italian Minister is handed a card at dinner one evening in Washington and the result was that he introduced Miss Isabel Thorne to society.

Miss Thorne was a secret agent for Italy.

The secret service discovered that a Latin alliance had been formed. The principal countries involved are Spain, France and Italy. The agreement was to be signed in the United States.

Mr. Grim is a secret service man and to him is given the task of discovering the leader of the proposed plan. Mr. Grim and Miss Thorne come in contact at every turn.

It is a cleverly told story of diplomatic complications with a romance for good measure.

Published by Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Indiana. Price \$1.50.

Servitude.

By Irene Osgood.

A stirring story of pirates and a rich haul they made in the Mediterranean Sea. It deals chiefly with the captain of the Brigg Stella Marine which was captured by a band of barbarous Turks just after the war of 1812, and an American girl who at time the vessel was captured, was visiting in the home of the British Counsel.

Slavery of the christians is portrayed as the author imagined it in Algiers in the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The book besides being a capital sea story is equally as interesting as description of high life in the Orient.

Published Dana Estes & Co., Boston. Price \$1.50.

[Bill Possum: His Book.

By Mary Brent Whitesides.

A clever little story of a Georgia possum and as Billy Possum has taken the place of the Teddy Bear is very appropriate. It reminds one of Joel Chandler Harris's stories of Brer Rabbit.

It is dedicated to President Taft as a memento of his visit to Atlanta.

Published by The Georgia News Co., Atlanta, Ga. Price 75 cents.

[The Light of Stars.

By Hattie Donavon Bohannon.

The truly simple life of the easy going Texans is portrayed in this volume. All ostentation that accompanies wealth and fashion is lacking, yet the people are not without this world's goods.

A lad with plenty of energy in some respects yet weak and vacillating in others is our hero. He meets with humble success in all except his love affairs. He is mistaken in his choice and consequently comes to grief but the story of his struggles is well told.

The old doctor is his champion and wins our hearts at once.

Published by R. F. Fenno & Co. New York. Price \$1.00.

The Better Treasure.

By Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews.

This is a beautiful gift book, every page delights the eye.

A young man is tempted to take money belonging to a cousin which he feels should rightly be his. He plans to steal it on Christmas eve and go to a new country and commence life anew. Two little children having heard the story that

animals have the gift of speech on Christmas eve came to the stable where the young man is hid, to ask the horse where they may find money to send their sick father to a warmer climate.

It is a touching story beautifully told.

Published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis, Indiana. Price \$1.50.

The New Mayor.

This is founded upon George Broodheart's successful play. It is a pleasure to read a book founded upon a successful play, wherein the novelizer has sufficient knowledge of his subject to present to the reader an evenly written narrative that retains the central idea and action of the play, but which at the same time gives the reader a truthful portrayal of the background upon which that action is founded.

Young Bennett has been elected mayor by a set of politicians with the expectation of using him for their own benefit. In this they are very much mistaken, he uses every method in his power to defeat their plans. Of course a romance has its place in the story.

Published by the J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., New York. Price 50c

Betelguese.

By Jean Louis De Esque.

The author, after thirty-six hours of labor, utterly exhausted, woos oblivion and awakens with this little poem jingling through his brains.

He has placed Hell in the bowels of Betelguese and this is a message from that place.

Published by Connoisseur's Press Jersey City. Price \$1.25.

Miss Eagle the Suffragette.

By Mary Dale.

Dame nature has discovered that Miss Eagle has been using her influence and converted the sparrows to suffrage.

A meeting was called for the purpose of asking Miss Eagle questions and learning what the suffragists want. It is surprising to find how similar her wishes are to the would be voter of today.

Published by the Aberdeen Publishing Co., New York.

Professor Slagg of London.

By Dwight Edwards Marvin.

"Professor Slagg of London" is a story of today, the author is unusually gifted in the delineation of character and has written a real love story abounding in humor and pathos and full of action and strong in its moral tone.

There is not a dull chapter in the volume, every page is alive with interest.

The reader will long remember the quaint sayings of Miss Creepy, the aspirations of Walter Brace the pretensions of Professor Slagg, the methodical habits of Mr. Locket, the heroism of Mr. Cringham and the business methods of Tom Wylie.

The characters seem to be living men and women with whom the reader is personally acquainted.

Published by Broadway Publishing Co., New York. Price \$1.50.

Confessions of a Palmists.

By M. Clivette.

A collection of racy tales of love spells and soul affinities told in the first person.

Published by Laird & Lee, Chicago.

The Wretches of Povertyville.

By I. L. Nascher M. D.

This is a sociological study of the bowery. It was written, 1903, and 1906 with additions and corrections made in the writer of 1908-09. A few of the resorts described have

been altered or wiped out, and some of the characters have disappeared. The characteristics of the bowery still remain although there is a vast improvement of social conditions in the district. New laws, new tenements, modern schools and public parks have bettered the environment but these factors do not effect the homeless, vicious, shiftless and criminal classes.

Sketches in the illustrations by George Toner.

Published by Jos. J. Lanzit, Chicago. Price \$1.25.

That Affair in Philadelphia.

By Mrs. Darly.

This is composed of four short stories. The first one is based on Mr. Hammersteins difficulties about the new opera house in Philadelphia.

They are written in a light way half sarcastic and half humorous.

Published by Broadway Publishing Co., New York. Price \$1.00.

It Grows.

T. M. Boulware's popularity among the owners of trotters, pacers and running horses is winning out as the entries prove:

Up to Thursday afternoon there had been two hundred and fifty-nine (259) horses entered. And thirty-seven (37) of them are in the 2:30 trot.

That sounds like a state fair, or races at Sheeps Head Bay, but when Monroe City, the Queen of the Prairies goes after anything in earnest, she has always gotten it.

It will be the greatest aggregation of horses ever in North Missouri and even if you live in Texas or Colorado, it will pay you to come and see the beauties go.

Virgins.

As it happened, however, the five foolish virgins were observed, in their perplexity, by five wise men.

"Permit me" quoth each of these, and stepped up and filled a virgin's lamp for her, adding: "Now, you just about need somebody to look out for you, don't you, eh?"

And upon the five foolish virgins, blushing violently and looking shyly down the five wise men lost no time in procuring licenses, and they all lived happily ever after.

As for the wise virgins, they sniffed some when they heard the news, animadverted with considerable acerbity on the ancient mystery of the way of a man with a maid, and let it go at that.—Ex.

Putting it Gently.

The sages of the general store were discussing the veracity of old Si Perkins when Uncle Mill Abbott ambled in.

"What do you think about it, Uncle Bill?" they asked him. "Would you call Si Perkins a liar?"

"Well," answered Uncle Bill slowly, as he thoughtfully studied the ceiling, "I don't know as I'd go so far as to call him a liar, exactly, but I do know this much: when feedin' time comes, in order to get any response from his hogs, he has to get somebody else to call 'em for him."—Galveston Tribune.

That the old distinction between the "blue and the gray" is fading away was illustrated on Memorial day in Boston, when the widow of General Pickett, who led the forlorn hope of the confederates at Gettysburg, told a large audience how it happened. She was very much applauded as she spoke for more than an hour on the historical phase of the great battle and quoted her husband as saying, when asked how the defeat happened, that he believed "the Yankees had something to do with it."

Mrs. Ralph Graham went to Quincy Saturday to visit relatives.